

# PHILIPPINE *Sunday* INQUIRER

BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

US carrier here; crew to 'shop, shop, shop, eat, eat, eat'

By Tanya Quinsanda

ON THE USS George Washington, men in Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses and women in cool tops and sandals are waiting patiently for their turn to board the ferry that will take them to shore.

Lacking more like an airport than a nuclear warship, the USS George Washington, anchored off Manila Bay yesterday so its 5,000-strong crew could enjoy a much-deserved four-day holiday.

Many of the crew members are American soldiers, who were ordered to work on land and fulfill their mission on the water.

"First thing I'll do is go to Jollibee!" said 20-year-old former apprentice Miguel Pao, a Legazpi-born sailor who left the Philippines when he was 6.

He is among the sailors of the Philippines.

BY TANYA QUINSANDA

HILLO (JG) USS George Washington, an American nuclear-powered supercarrier, drops anchor off Manila Bay at daybreak Saturday so its 5,000-strong crew can enjoy a much-deserved four-day holiday.

## 'I could've grabbed him'

Negotiator says he had chance to subdue Mendoza



MANILA Vice Mayor John Menes says he monitored the deterioration of the hostage crisis on a TV set in a hotel bar.

## Crisis body abandoned crisis, Isko tells probers

By Nikita Dixon

BY TUESDAY's conclusion and wrap-up, Manila Vice Mayor John Menes yesterday told the Incident Investigation and Review Committee (IIRC) that the local crisis command appeared to have abandoned the hostage crisis on Aug. 23 at its most crucial hours.

Speaking in a mix of English and Filipino, Menes said: "What I know was when the mayor [Alfredo Linao] left, I left also... When I stepped out [of the command center] in Rizal Park, I saw the Special Action Force (SAF) and others in [military] uniforms... I walked there and told them to be careful."

"Then I went to the Manila Pavilion [hotel] and I looked for a television set. I asked for coffee from the bartender and told him to switch the channel to ABC. That's when I saw that there were garbages already."

"Who were left at the command post?" Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, the IIRC chair, said.

"I presumed all the [police] officers," he said.

CRISIS 2/3

By Philip C. Tabera

THE DEPUTY negotiator in the daylight hostage crisis on Aug. 23 that ended in the killing of eight Hong Kong tourists and their captor yesterday said he could have subdued the latter had he been allowed to do so.

Chief Insp. Romeo Salvador told the Incident Investigation and Review Committee (IIRC) on its second day of hearings that he could have subdued the hostage-captor, disarmed Senior Insp. Rolando Mendoza, during the earlier part of the negotiation but that he was overruled by the chief negotiator, Insp. Orlando Yeta.

Salvador also claimed to have heard Mendoza berate a "director" of the Office of the Ombudsman on the phone "for the whole crisis" because the official purportedly demanded P250,000 for a release of his son.

Mendoza was disarmed from the service for allegedly accepting money from a chief accused of possession of illegal drugs.

"I recommended to General Yeta that I subdue Captain Mendoza the first time I got near him, but [Yeta] said no."



JUSTICE Secretary Leila de Lima is in the thick of the marathon hearings that will be concluded tomorrow.

because that is not according to the hostage-taking manual," Salvador said. "He said we were negotiators and were [not to do anything] to the hostage-taker."

In a question from IIRC member Herman Basbado, head of the Kapampangan ng mga Bagong Kapangan ng Pilipinas, Salvador said Mendoza went to the door of the tour bus five times and he could have subdued the hostage-taker in one of those instances.

"Yes, your honor... even on my own, I could have grabbed him although he always had his finger on the trigger," Salvador said.

But he also said Yeta was in front of Mendoza, and therefore in the line of fire, while he was at the risk.

Salvador said that during the negotiation in the afternoon, he heard Mendoza venting his anger on a "TikTok" channel.

Mendoza was able to talk to the director through Manila Vice Mayor John Menes, who went to the Office of the

CRISIS 2/3

Int'l tour operators still bullish on RP sites

By Philip C. Tabera

DISPITE the heavy drubbing that the Philippines took as a result of the bloody hostage crisis last week, representatives of nearly 100 travel agencies and tour operators from around the world still came to do business at a major tourism conference here on Friday.

Nearly 50 foreign delegates—including two from Hong Kong and eight from mainland China—attended the Philippine Travel Exchange (PTX) 2018 at Manila Hotel, where they met with business deals with representatives of 112 Philippine resorts, hotels and other local tourism establishments.

The delegates who participated were from Australia, Austria, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, Spain, Taiwan, the United States and Vietnam.

"I am truly amazed that despite the challenges that we

INT'L TOUR 2/3

## Thursday Group tends to convicts' body, soul

By Choy Anisado

Guest Editor

THURSDAY'S are special at the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) in Marikina City.

Every week on this day, a 15-member group composed of men and women in their 30s and 40s bring food and water to sick inmates at the national penitentiary.

Calling themselves the "Thursday Group," their activities include cooking lunch for

more 300 to 400 underprivileged inmates in the hospital wards, giving the weaker patients a sponge bath and reading to them from the Bible.

"We massage their aching bodies and console them with God's divine mercy," says Rolando Linao, one of the members of the group.

July 8, a Thursday, was extra special. It was the day before Bobbie's birthday and since she loves to eat, she decided to celebrate by bringing food to the

inmates in Bilibid and sharing the homemade fare with the inmates confined to the wards.

Twenty personal security guards, the official protectors at Bilibid, welcomed the Thursday Group members, who were helped and people shifts coordinated with the words "Thursday Group" over their right chest.

They met up with their counterparts, the Thursday Group inmates, made up of 60 prisoners, who wore blue shirts also re-

marked with the words "Thursday Group." The atmosphere turned festive as they eagerly showed Bobbie and her group their craft projects.

There are over 21,800 inmates at the NBP as of December 2016, according to the Bureau of Corrections website.

Bobbie has chosen to work with 550 to 600 inmates confined in 18 hospital wards, one of them an intensive care unit (ICU).

THURSDAY 2/3

## It's priests vs pros in charity basketball

By Joannette I. Andrade

IT'S A SLAM-DUNK idea for God.

Catholic priests, playing in a team called "Padres," will square off with pro players in a charity game to raise funds for the printing and distribution of some 100,000 Bibles to indigent parishioners of a church in Pasay City.

The priests will go up against the team of basketball icons Allen Pabonero,

IT'S PRIESTS 2/3



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# Pag-Ibig set to file raps vs realty firm

## Lee says money of Fund members safe, protected

By Vincent Cabrera, Inquirer Staff Writer

**RAGUO CITY**—Pag-Ibig, the state-run home development mutual fund, is not to file charges against land developer Globe Asia Realty Holdings Corp. for alleged fraudulent use of the agency's housing loans.

Pag-Ibig President Antonio Lopez said in an interview that he had given a team of investigators a week or up to two to look into the case.

Lopez is chair of the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the National Housing Authority Development Council (NHADC), which groups area housing-related agencies including Pag-Ibig.

Lopez was busy on Saturday to speak to local news on the "Truth" Camp and to address the Pag-Ibig and NHA's business associations.

"I'm really in a tight spot right now," Lopez said. "I'm in a tight spot right now." Lopez said he was in a tight spot right now.

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He also claimed "I was Globe Asia Realty, not Pag-Ibig, which is a real estate company, not a bank."

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**DANGEROUS WAY**  
The wreckage of a bus involved in a fatal accident is seen on the side of a road in Quezon City, after being hit by a truck. The bus was carrying passengers to a hospital and was involved in a fatal accident. The bus driver reportedly fled the scene after the accident, while the driver of the truck, who was identified as Christopher Reyes, was not.

## Gov't action to stop anti-Pinoy trend eyed

## Palace sets advisory body on peace talks

By Norman Borja

President Aquino has ordered the convening of an advisory council to advise the government on peace talks with the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).

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# Ex-DENR official gets 20 years for graft

By Leticia B. Salazar

**THE MANILA BUREAU** has sentenced a former official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to 20 years in prison for misappropriating P44.532 million worth of environmental management fund charges.

The national court's special criminal division sentenced Dana Lina Mante, former assistant secretary for operations of the DENR in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to 20 to 24 years imprisonment, ordered him to pay a P44.532-million fine and also ordered him to pay back to the government the amount he had misappropriated.

A statement from the Office of the Environmental Protection was charged based on the findings of the Commission on Audit, which showed that the environmental management fund and other lesser charges of the DENR ARMM had not been deposited to the regional treasury.

The funds were remitted to Manila or to Manila's account.

Disbursement presentation later showed that the DENR ARMM's collection deposited the collections to Manila's Philippine National Bank account. Mante withdrew the funds from the account and issued checks payable to the collector to be cashed. The proceeds were then used for other activities.

In its ruling, the court said that when Mante issued the checks to the collector and later got the proceeds after they were cashed, he had converted government money for his personal use and benefit.

It also did not answer the OCA's demands that he produce and reimburse the P44.532 million to the ARMM regional treasury.

It also said he failed to present documents to show how the public funds he received were legitimately used for any public purpose.

The failure of the accused to provide any supporting evidence, unimpeached or disimpeached, gives credence and weight to the facts sufficiently established by the State against him," the judge-judges said.

In another case, the judge-judges also annulled the acting auditor of the Department of Agriculture Fisheries Provincial Agriculture Bureau Office in the ARMM of misappropriating P2.727 million that was meant to pay for

the salaries of employees of the office.

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give the employees the salaries due

them and conditioned the act upon

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# Cut in SCU budget scored

By Lito S. Salazar

THE ADMINISTRATIVE division to reduce the budget of state colleges and universities (SCU) the 2011 budget is a landmark move to provide the youth with affordable and quality education, equity for representative and policy.

Education Rep. Samuel Peralta criticized President Aquino's initiative that the national budget would push SCU to expand self-sufficiency and financial independence as they have the ability to generate funds for their projects.

Under the proposed 2011 budget, SCU would get P20.1 billion, a 1.7 percent increase from the 2010 allocation.

Peralta, in a statement, said self-sufficiency and financial independence achieved through school partnerships with private companies and universities cannot mean that students would be forced to abandon their tertiary education.

Many students could barely afford to go to college, let alone, adding that they stress to study in SCU because the tuition in private colleges and universities is considered exorbitant.

"Allowing SCU to generate their income and enter into partnerships with the private sector would only mean higher tuition, and consequently higher dropout rates and decreased access to tertiary education. We demand the public education of SCU, which are supposed to provide quality and accessible education to those who cannot afford it," Peralta said.

He said the President could not claim that education was a top priority of his administration when he was introducing the youth.

He revealed that the SCU with the most budget cuts by percentage was the Philippine Technical University (25.79 percent), Nueva Ecija College of Technology (20.41 percent), Cebu State College (23.78 percent), University of the Philippines (26.11 percent), and the University of Southern Philippines (20.03 percent).

## Smart helps DepEd slash dropout rate

AN INTERVENTION PROGRAM that aims to improve learning among poor performing schoolchildren is the reason why United Nations Communications Inc. is supporting the Department of Education's DepEd to eliminate the dropout rate in elementary-level students.

Data gathered by the National Statistical Commission Board showed that the dropout rate increased from 8.6 percent in 2008 to 9.1 percent in 2009. In response, United Nations agencies set up the Philippine Innovative Model school for the creation of a program that would reverse "the dropout trend."

The Government Youth Program, initiated by Smart and launched in September 2009, offers a solution to the problem of rising dropout rates and helps in the overall improvement in the learning of public school pupils, particularly those belonging to the bottom percentile of their grade levels.

With smart support, Communication's actively partners government—initially the DepEd, local government units, private businesses, local religious organizations, parents and teachers—in the monitoring of their children.

For entire schools, learning sessions are held every Saturday for 20 students from Grades 1 to 5 who are identified to be the lowest performers in their class.

Initiatives are also provided to other areas through feeding, donation of school supplies, feeding programs, and even counseling and tutoring made for the students themselves.

Communication has been placed in 13 sites—the National Capital Region, Negros Occidental, Batangas, Iloilo, Samarang, and the cities of Davao, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, General Santos, Agao, Naga and Baguio.



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# 2 solons tell PCSO: Submit STL audit

**SAN PEDRO, Laguna**—Two top officials of the powerful House Committee on Government Operations have ordered the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to submit a financial audit of its 2004-2005 financial statements to the committee.

Representatives Joseph

Albino (Albino) and Elyse

San Luis (Luis), chair and vice chair of the committee, made the order during a hearing at the House on reports that STL operations were threatening the government.

STL, started operating through a committee order issued by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Reports from various sources, however, said several members of the STL financial team were the

San Luis committee vice chair, that the PCSO is submitting a financial audit of STL, which means that it must have been

"We are asking them to be audited in the financial audit of all STL operations in 12 provinces and cities, and how much cash is coming from these daily draws," he said.

In his first year, STL earned P1 billion for the government,

San Luis said. However, that the government has lost about P500 million this year.

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## Cebu works double time in bid to stop dengue spread

**By Pamela Hagedorn and Carla P. Gomez**  
 Inquirer/Visayas

**CORR CITY**—The province of Cebu continues to grapple with an influx of dengue fever patients to its hospitals, prompting authorities to work double time to stop the spread of the mosquito-borne disease.

In three government hospitals in Cebu, 151 dengue fever patients were admitted last February alone.

At the San Francisco Medical Center (SFMSC), 108 dengue patients, 98 of these children.

On Thursday, the same hospital had 138 admissions of dengue patients, mostly children.

SFMSC has a pediatric ward with only 40 beds, but heavy dengue, dengue hemorrhagic fever, and dengue shock syndrome were also seen in the emergency room.

At Cebu City Medical Center (CCMC), at least 50 dengue patients have been admitted, said Dr. Jan Antonio Martinez.

At Mactan City Hospital, eight patients, including three children, are confined with dengue.

Dr. Antonio Martinez, assistant superintendent of Cebu, said it was not until last year that dengue fever was first reported in Cebu. He said the latest country tally for dengue fever was 1,000.



**THE CAMPAIGN** to stop the spread of dengue fever in many forms in Cebu City, including this anti-dengue billboard on General Luna Road.

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## Solon recalls PMA beatings, pushes hazing law review

**By Yolanda Sotelo**  
 Inquirer/Manila

**LEGASPI, Negros Occidental**—A legislator admitted he survived hazing, at two institutions, including the Philippine Military Academy, when he urged Congress to pass a law prohibiting hazing.

Representative Rep. Leopoldo Nicolas, a former police director, had expressed dismay at how hazing persists to this day despite the enactment of laws in this area and other crimes.

In calling for the law's review, Nicolas said it is a privilege

speech on Aug. 3 that he was prompted by the death of a University of the Philippines student who died of hazing, which was attributed to hazing, and the widespread nature of a national hazing law by a Manila politician.

Nicolas, a member of PMA "Battalion" Class of 1976, offered two accounts of hazing in his speech, first as a cadet of the Philippine Maritime Academy and again in the PMA.

His first account took place in the PMA, where, as a graduate student, he was at the senior level and he was

"Then the next thing I knew, I was brought to the hospital where I was treated for a fractured rib..."

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## Pangasinan towns to build artificial marsh for clean water

**MANILA**—The Pangasinan Government and the local government have agreed with local governments in western Pangasinan for the establishment of an artificial wetland to treat waste water in this city and other towns.

Mayor Vincent Regalado said the project will benefit Pangasinan and the towns of Anito, Baguio, Baguio, Baguio, and Baguio, which have been organized into the Pangasinan Municipality of Local Government (Pangasinan LGU).

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**SEMPANA, Pangasinan**—Mayor Vincent Regalado (right) and other officials of the Pangasinan LGU are signing an agreement on building an artificial wetland, with local government and Pangasinan LGU, to improve water quality in the city.

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# INQUIRER Mindanao

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 Bureau Chief: Mica R. Alcantara


MEMBERS of the Moro National Liberation Front, led by their leader Prof. Nur Misuari, gather on Thursday in Zamboanga City for their annual meeting. Misuari earlier said current leaders of the MNLF and find out what their plans are for the former group's role in post-conflict reconstruction and peace development projects.

## Moro fighters train new cadres for peace

 By Ryan D. Manzano  
 Cebu City

AT 52 YEARS OLD, Sonny Ayao "undisputed" is still as combative for the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) which was then in its early days of forming the military backbone of the Moro separatist revolution.

"The separatists consisted of those people that I saw while growing up were enough to personally convince me to join the fight for our homeland," explained the now 52-year-old Ayao.

"We have simply clamored for economic opportunities and enjoyment of basic social services, yet we were referred to terrorists," he said.

Over the years, killings and discrimination perpetrated by government soldiers stirred anger among teenage Moro boys, driving them to the MNLF for a simple justice—conflict.

"Our dream then was to see fighting," said Ayao.

"We would launch bold attacks and pursue on defending positions that sometimes only smoldered light. Nevertheless, we were able to hold down as long and even force the return of some regions," he said.

By early 1970s, one who led defending the homeland is asked (nearly).

From being a free soldier, Ayao rose to the MNLF ranks, but working with the National United Command, with responsibility given to various locations.

"Because I survived the battles, I still I was more for other successful battles," Ayao said.

After the First Peace Agreement (FPA) between the government and the MNLF was signed on Sept. 2, 1996, Ayao has since engaged a different battle—conquering poverty.

With the peace pact, most MNLF strongholds were transformed into peace and development communities (PDCs) that became models for recovery programs.

At least 23 such communities were in Maguindanao alone.

At operations office of the Balabanga Peace and Development Foundation, Ayao helps group strengthen their ranks in various the programs that these communities achieved.

chance meeting process. Balabanga is addressing the challenge through "culture of peace" training programs and seminars.

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# TALK of the TOWN



TOLL SETTES in Manila, Pinar

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## Motorists face higher toll rates

### From SCTEx to Star

#### North Luzon Expressway

**Length:** 54 kilometers  
**Start:** Calatagan, Batangas City  
**End:** Malabon, Pampanga  
**Vehicle rates:** 116,800 a day  
(average)

The country's oldest toll road, North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), formerly known as the North Star Expressway, links Metro Manila to Batangas, Pangasinana and Tarlac. It also connects the metropolitan to the Ilocos, Benguet and Clark economic zones.

The first segment of the North Division Road is 17 kilometers north from Calatagan, Batangas City to Tubbataha, Pampanga. It was built by the Philippine National Construction Corp. (PNCC) and military engineers in the late 1960s. It was owned by the then Manila-based NLEX.

Today, NLEX is operated by Manila North Tollways Corp. (MNTC), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC) chaired by businessman Manuel V. Pangasinan. MPIC, which bought NEXC from the then state-owned Lupon Lupon in 2006, is the local subsidiary of Hong Kong-based Hui Pacific Co. Ltd.

The conversion for the 10-kilometer road was awarded to MNTC in 2005.

MNTC recently completed the new stretch of a 2.5-kilometer link between NLEX and Interocean Avenue in Calatagan City. The extension plans to link NLEX to the North Harbor area in Manila's South Harbor.

#### Southern Luzon Expressway

**Length:** 33 km  
**Start:** Alibon, Marikina City  
**End:** Calatagan, Pampanga  
**Vehicle rates:** 160,800 a day

Southern Luzon Expressway (SLEX) runs to the other side of the metropolitan, to Iloilo, Marikina, Pampanga, and Marikina in Cavite, Laguna, Marikina and Quezon.

However, officially, SLEX, operated by Marikina-based North Luzon Tollways Corp. (NLT), spans from Alibon to Calatagan.

NLT, which took over SLEX operations from MPIC, recently completed the construction of a 3.1-km link to the southern Tagaytay Arterial Road (STAR). The link is expected to open by next month.

SLEX's 30-year contract to operate and develop SLEX expired in 2006. As its, the company has spent P14 billion for the rehabilitation and development of the road.

#### Metro Manila Skyway

**Length:** 9.73 km elevated portion  
**Start:** Marikina, Marikina City  
**End:** Marikina, Marikina City  
**Vehicle rates:** 30,800 a day (average)  
**Cost:** 100,000 a day (average)

But as the Skyway system is the 12.4 km at-grade road from Marikina, Marikina to Marikina, Marikina.

Built by CCEC, the at-grade road, then known as the Manila North Expressway, opened in December 1960. The elevated Skyway, which is now by the Manila North Expressway, was built by the Manila North Expressway Corp. through subsidiary Marikina Expressway and Maintenance Corp. (MEMC), was built to address the heavy congestion along the ground-level highway which passes through the country's green business district in Marikina. It became operational in July 1999.

Given the increasing completion of an extension of the elevated portion of the road from Marikina to Marikina, linking the road directly to SLEX.

The CCEC group took over Skyway operations in January 2007.

#### Southern Tagaytay Arterial Road

**Length:** 41 km  
**Start:** Sta. Lucia, Marikina City  
**End:** Marikina, Marikina City  
**Vehicle rates:** 25,000 to 30,000 a day

Located at the southern end of SLEX is the Southern Tagaytay Arterial Road, or STAR.

The STAR is operated by Star Tollways Corp., which is owned by Hong Kong-based CCEC.

#### Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway

**Length:** 54 km  
**Start:** Subic, Marikina City  
**End:** Marikina, Marikina City  
**Vehicle rates:** 75,000 to 100,000 a day

Opened in March 2006, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) is the country's longest toll road. It is directly connected to NLEX.

Like NLEX, SCTEX is run by MPIC's toll road subsidiary, Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC). SCTEX was constructed at a cost of P12 billion, more than double its original price of P12.5 billion.

#### Subic-Tips Expressway

**Length:** 5.5 km  
**Start:** Subic, Marikina City  
**End:** Subic, Marikina City

It was built by the Lupon group in 1990 for the Manila Pacific Economic Cooperative concerns held in Subic. It was built by the Lupon group in 1990 for the Manila Pacific Economic Cooperative concerns held in Subic.

The expressway, now directly linked to SCTEX, was equipped to be connected to the SLEX with a road project that starts from Subic, Marikina, Pampanga, to Tubbataha.

#### Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway

**Length:** 5.8 km  
**Start:** End of NLEX Roadway in Marikina, Pampanga  
**End:** Marikina, Marikina City  
**Cost:** 100,000 a day (average)

Built by MPTC, Manila Expressway

By Paolo C. Meneses

**E**xit wonder why you have to pay for the use of a road that the government was supposed to provide?

Toll roads, along with other private roads and public-private partnerships, are one of the answers to the growing needs of the country despite the state's lack of resources.

Toll roads were first built in the late 1960s by the state. Since then, when private companies charged motorists who passed through their toll roads.

Today, charging fees at high-traffic has become a necessary way for the high cost of maintaining a road that is used daily by hundreds of thousands of vehicles.

#### BOT law

The Philippines does this with seven toll road systems, including the bulk of the country's toll roads. BOT law, or Build-Operate-Transfer, allows private firms to build, operate and transfer toll roads to the government.

Under the BOT law, a qualified private firm is given a limited franchise, usually around 25 to 30 years, to build and operate a toll road. During that time, the company is given the authority to charge motorists who use the road. It can recover its investment and make a profit.

At the end of the franchise, the private firm hands over the project to the government.

Initially, toll roads were mostly used for international trade routes, mostly for the transport of goods. But as the government did not know about it, they are now the capability to use, underwritten by the state.

"We are encouraging the private sector to invest in infrastructure. In return, the investor should be able to recoup its investment, plus have some profit," Duterte said.

#### Regulatory board

These roads are under the supervision of the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), created in 1997 through Presidential Decree No. 1111.

The government does not directly build toll roads, except where the construction cost is high and the tolls are based on the cost of the road.

The country does, however, build toll roads from the payment of toll fees and the tolls are paid when motorists use the road.

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more road construction since the Southern Luzon, where the bulk of the country's economic activity is concentrated, and Central and Southern Luzon, where much of the country's population is concentrated.

This study also makes it easier for motorists to go to popular destinations around the country.

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and connecting them to the toll of the expressway network.

#### Tax on toll

A plan by the Department of Finance to impose a 12 percent value-added tax (VAT) on toll would further increase the toll on SLEX. Other toll roads in the country would also be affected.

The higher tolls would mean that motorists would have to pay more to use the toll roads. The toll roads are the country's economic lifeline.

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# Manila on P500 a day: Whirlwind jeep tour offers ride back to the past

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A life-size statue of Rizal, as well as memorabilia relating to his personal effects and wardrobe, are on display at the Rizal Shrine, one of the tour's main attractions.

The driver also knows areas of the town's historical precincts, including the old Latin school which was supposed to be where Rizal put his poem, scribbled out by his classmates right before his execution.

After being transported back

to those days on a shaded air-conditioned van, the tour ends at the Rizal Shrine, where Rizal was imprisoned from Nov. 3 to Dec. 20, 1896. It was on the last Augustinian church, the oldest stone church in the Philippines and one of the country's oldest historical heritage sites.

Construction of the Augustinian monastery started in 1586 under the Augustinian friars in 1584. It was not finished in 1904. It was severely damaged by earthquakes and the ravages of war, but it still stands proud, more

than 400 years after the first stone was laid, just waiting for the interested tourist and churchgoer.

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## Metro story in top 10 list of DLSU journalism awards tilt

By Tina G. Sarmiento

PHIL Bureau stories, including a feature article in the Metro, were included in the list of top 10 DLSU journalism awards in the recently concluded Lucban Journalism Awards contest sponsored by the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU).

"The Best in the Field" from the Metro, written by Sarmiento, is the 10th best story in the list. It is a feature article about the life of a journalist, published in the Metro's "The Best in the Field" column. It is a feature article about the life of a journalist, published in the Metro's "The Best in the Field" column.

Sarmiento, a student of the Lucban Journalism Awards contest, was the winner of the "Best in the Field" award. The award is given to the best feature article in the Metro. The award is given to the best feature article in the Metro.

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## The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence B. Gonzo

## Widespread devastation as 7.0 quake hits N. Zealand

CHRISTCHURCH—A powerful 7.0-magnitude earthquake caused widespread devastation in New Zealand's second largest city of Christchurch on Saturday, with officials saying it was "extremely lucky" no one was killed.

Initial estimates put the damage at \$1 billion (\$541.44 billion) as buildings collapsed, gas, water and sewage lines were ruptured, some bridges became impassable and electricity was cut.

Injured residents fled from their homes to find spaces covered in rubble and glass, but despite the scale of the disaster only two people were seriously injured in the city of 340,000 people.

The quake struck just before dawn when few people were on the streets as buildings (some without) in the ground, crushing parked cars and shattering the roads with shattered glass.

A quake of this intensity was declared in Christchurch and a 7

plus-0.7 quake earlier in the city center as residents were warned to stay away from damaged buildings for fear of further collapses as severe aftershocks continued to rock the city.

"I think we've been extremely lucky as a nation that there's been no fatalities," Chris Brown, Christchurch Mayor, said after being heralded as the hero of the quake.

He described it as a "significant disaster" and urged people "don't panic" as strong aftershocks continued throughout the day.

Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker said he was "horrified by the amount of damage" which

The Philippine embassy in Wellington said on Sunday that the 40,000 people living in New Zealand were lucky, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila.

disaster showed was considerably worse than first thought.

"We've decided to declare the state of emergency in the city. It just makes it a bit easier for us to move people out of buildings if necessary, close streets down," Parker said.

"There would not be a family in our city that has not in some way been damaged due to this event, in their property."

"I think it's like an aftershock," he said. "Across the whole of New Zealand, there's been a lot of damage."

The quake, initially recorded as a magnitude of 7.4, struck at 6:33 a.m. and was felt for more than 100 km west of

Christchurch, the US Geological Survey said.

"It's a big deal. There is a row of shops completely demolished right in front of us," resident Gillian Simpson told the South Island, adding that many people had run out onto the streets.

Christchurch Hospital spokeswoman Michele Ricker said one man in his 30s was seriously injured—was hit by a falling chimney and the other was cut by falling glass.

Shops closed the center of the city as looting targeted shops, shops, police said. Michelle Ricker said.

"There's considerable damage there, and we're already had reports of looting. Shop windows are broken and, obviously, it's very painful for the public and the city."

In the hours immediately after the quake, roads in the area were severely damaged, but those were repaired. AFP



A BUILDING IN Christchurch was destroyed by the quake.

## Scientists challenge accepted notion of a desolate, lifeless Mars

FOR 50 years, the image of Mars' 1975 Viking mission, which put two unmanned spacecraft on Mars, even was the main image of the planet. The landers were believed to find no signs of life, but the evidence was so weak that the mission was extended.

The complete lack of these signs was the main reason the mission was extended.

Now, some scientists say the evidence was so weak that the mission was extended.

They suggest that each building block—known as organic

materials, although they could not come from living organisms—were introduced to the planet by meteorites, but they were destroyed by the heat of the atmosphere.

It was, that could not be the only conclusion of the Viking mission in a new light, especially since the Viking spacecraft

detected no signs of life in the soil. This was the first time that scientists had detected the possibility of life on Mars.

The building blocks of life are the building blocks of life. The Viking mission has influenced our perspective of life on Mars for 35

years," said Christopher McKay, a planetary scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center in California, and an author of the new findings, in the journal *The Journal of Geophysical Research—Planets*.

"We do this by looking at the evidence that is available to us."

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## WORLD BRIEFS

## Suicide bomber kills 57 at Shiite rally in Pakistan

QUETTA, PAKISTAN—At least 57 people were killed in a suicide bombing Saturday at a Shiite rally in the southwestern city of Quetta on Friday and more than 100 were injured, officials said.

## S. Korea foreign minister quits after negotiators row

SEOUL—South Korean Foreign Minister Yoon Myung-ho has resigned following a row between negotiators over the country's nuclear program, government sources said.

The foreign minister's resignation has been accepted by the president, said a presidential spokesman.

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## Modified salmon safe to eat, US panel says

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## Finally, a license to drive on the 960th try

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—A person could now drive a car for a long time without passing a driving test, according to a new law in South Korea.

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# Preventing dengue with Ace Express

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With the recent concern about the increase in dengue cases brought about by the rainy season, now is the best time to take steps to prevent this disease carried by the dreaded Aedes Aegypti mosquito.

After all, prevention is still the best cure, and its best to keep your home safe and clean. Make it a point to always cover water storage containers in your houses and clean your drainage in and out the house to prevent the breeding of these carrier mosquitoes.

And again, ACE Express has a line of anti-dengue products to keep your family safe and healthy. These are mosquito-repelling balls and water-based mosquito killers that keep mosquitoes at bay.

Protect your family with insect repellents like OFF!-scents, which works over time with an eight-hour protection and has a nice clean house which has a cool effect on your skin.

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PR Bank President  
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PR Bank CEO Roberto F. Alayog (left) and PR Bank President and CEO Roberto F. Alayog (right) during a meeting at the Philippine Corporate Center, Lake Viewpoint, Makati City, Philippines.

## PR Bank and PLDT share a vision of countryside progress

The Philippine Rural Bankers' Cooperative (PR Bank) and PLDT recently came together at PLDT headquarters in Pasig to sign a contract for the PR Bank (P) and PLDT (P) partnership.

PLDT and PR Bank will cover several PR Bank branches, from Manila to Quezon province, and PLDT and PR Bank will provide services to PLDT and PR Bank customers.

During its humble beginnings in 1957 as a small rural bank in Nagasaki, PLDT Bank is now the biggest rural bank in Northern Luzon and one of the largest in the Philippines. With a full-fledged commercial operation, it has gradually transitioned from traditional electronic banking thanks to its partnership with PLDT for ICT solutions such as PLDT and PR Bank. The relationship is going strong as evidenced by yet another contract for the PR Bank to use the PLDT Network Corporate Managing Suite service.

flexibility and scalability, and all the advantages of a secure, private network. Significant verification, document storage, and other banking activities will be made easier and more efficient with greater bandwidth.

As PR Bank requirements for speed and connectivity expand, PLDT and PR Bank will accommodate this growth with its unmatched and fully redundant Internet Fiber-optic network (IFN) and technical expertise acquired from more than 18 years of MPLS (Multi-Protocol Label Switching) experience.

PLDT/AAET First Vice President and Head of Corporate Business Growth Partners Roberto Alayog recently gave his thanks to the PR Bank executives for their trust in PLDT. "If there is any technology you need for your business, let us know. We are ready to help you to help and get you to reach your goals," PR Bank CEO and PLDT Sales Partner said. "We are looking forward to a fruitful partnership with you to be a partner of PLDT is a real opportunity. We will go to it."

opportunities and make the most out of it."

Roberto F. Alayog, President and CEO of PR Bank, later shared his thoughts on the partnership between PLDT and PR Bank. "PLDT has the right offering, and it is able, so automatically we empty have to choose PLDT. We have to do without PLDT at the present time. There are no comparable services. I know the partnership will go a long, long way."



PR Bank CEO Roberto F. Alayog



AN EMPLOYEE of the research facility taking a sample of eggplants (top). Seeds of different varieties are ready for packaging (right). Above, crops are grown in the breeding hall of the research facility.



## Pangasinan's pride is RP's top seed company

By Johannes Marlon  
Inquirer Staff Writer

TINGING, PANGASINAN—AS it took root, a small seed for a Pangasinan-based enterprise blossomed into the top seed company in the Philippines.

It began 1996 when Pili Co. (a De La Salle University business graduate, identified to us in the seed industry, made to the construction of the green, well-lit breeding and packaging of seeds into a viable business option.

Co., who would become the first and only Filipino president of the National Seed Association, founded the Allied Biotech Corp. (ABC), a vegetable seed company that began propagating hybrid eggplant seeds, a type of plant primarily used for animal feed.

In a recent speech during ABC's 25th anniversary this year, Co. said financial success was not the only driving force behind the creation of the company.

"The reason is the ABC's aim is to provide farmers with seeds that would help improve their livelihood."

Starting from 15 hectares and a little over 30 employees, ABC is now a company that employs hundreds and operates breeding and testing facilities all over the country, says ABC research manager Co. Al.

Alayog says ABC has also become the main supplier of hybrid crops such as corn and rice.

Pili Co. said ABC expanded its product line with seeds of other crops, such as lettuce and tomato, and those of highland crops like coffee.

In 1998, ABC established the Allied Biotech research and breeding facility in the eastern Pangasinan area due to its natural and fertile soil.

"There are a few other research facilities in the country but all of them are owned by big companies," says Alayog. "Our technology here is equal to other research organizations in the world."

The establishment of Allied Biotech was made possible with the launch of ABC's vegetable seed company of vegetable propagation which made up the independence of the Bangko vegetable line, including eggplants and squash, among others.

Allied Agri uses 15 hectares of land where ABC's vegetable production and breeding seeds



ABC Research Manager Co. Alayog

are now employees.

There, new varieties undergo a rigorous screening process to ensure that they are resistant to pests and diseases and that their production quality is high.

Alayog says the company's success would be a testament to the fact that the seed industry is a viable business option.

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The Philippines  
of Allied Agri, which  
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# Sunday LIFE STYLE

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## She brings depression to light

Fashion designer Jean Goulbourn's late daughter Natasha lives on in an NGO that arms people and their loved ones with information about a gravely misunderstood yet curable condition

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# Hardcourt MVPs

At the start of every school year, the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) never fail to bring the student body together in a friendly battle that can only happen within the hardcourt. UAAP Season 73 and NCAA Season 86 are no different in intensity from the previous years except the Pharmator (multivitamin) kids in ball support is both leagues to highlight the ideas of an MVP.

Coming from different schools, today's highly educated college experts display remarkable feat in balancing their academic life, the pressure to excel in their game and living lives as few say regular college student does. Through their heroic achievements on and off the court, Pharmator hopes to communicate the essence of valuing the best within ourselves and in everything we do.



### Keeping an eye on its shadowy prey

It has been a while since the Adamson Searing Falcons reached the UAAP Finals and this, according to head coach Jan Bautista, is the shadowy prey that the squad is keeping its eye on. Yet, the real goal to get there is far from a seamless slide. Apart from the rigorous training, Coach Jan's task is to make away the fear from the team as it breeds a calm familiar feeling.

"There is definitely a lot of pressure," grips team captain Julius Collins. "You have to take practice seriously as it prepares you for the game."

Collins also points out the importance of maintaining mental and physical alertness in the game. Every player should be in top condition and must be aware of the fast-paced action on the court. "Basketball is all about moving in sync—body and mind," Collins stresses.

Though basketball demands a lot of physicality, Coach Jan also gives a mental prep to his young men who long to end the university's drought for a championship title. Discipline is a must and players must also keep in mind that "every game should always be a healthy competition," says Coach Jan.

### Taft's toughest

The Azules spirit runs on among the Green Archers as they start their way to clinching another championship title. Under its new coach Danilo Paneray, a FB A veteran, the team is poised to make an impact on the season with an underdog's position.

"At this point our main concern is to get into the Final Four," states Coach Danilo, "and part of our game plan is to beat every game a championship."



One of their hardcourt rivals, team captain Simon Atkins, notes that it takes a lot of sacrifice on the part of each player to make it to the Archers' bench. "It's not all about pleasure," Atkins admits. "Yes, it is fun, but to have some of your schoolmates look up to you but it takes a lot of hard work."

As the captain, Atkins says he has to show maturity on and off the court, not to mention maintain focus on delivering what is expected from him during a game. The senior Psychology major also says he has to keep the team united and make them get together.

Asked what it takes to be an MVP, Coach Danilo says, "Being a team player is one of the characteristics of an MVP material player. In addition, aside from possessing the athletic ability, to be an MVP also means having the right attitude, dedication, and the heart to win. This can be applicable to both the game and their studies. Of course, as he is the team, they need to do well academically. This is a challenge that the athletes need to balance out which I think they are doing well in."

### Off to a bullish season

The FEU Tamaraws started through the first round of UAAP Season 73 with the heart of a champion, practically sealing their bid for a spot in the Final Four. Nevertheless, head coach Glenn Capacio cautions remain humble and not to be complacent with the team's success.

"Success does not come automatically. You have to work hard for the win," Coach Glenn firmly says.

One of the formidable teams in the league is recent years, the Tamaraws enjoys having a well-established line-up which gives them an edge over the other teams. Team captain Jerrin Escudé notes that they also need to be in top condition all the time to be able to give their best in their games and in their academics.



"We always need to be in top-top shape to be able to focus in our game. Being both physically and mentally is what the game is all about. Aside from the game itself, our studies require the same physical and mental toughness as well. The school is very strict about our practice schedule which is only before and after 10:30am to 4:00pm. 10:30-4:00pm is purely schoolwork," states Escudé.

With a bullish outlook and the heart of a champion, the FEU Tamaraws may very well be on their way to hoisting another championship trophy at the end of the season.

### Bulldogs in 3D

Discipline of an athlete, diligence of a farmer, and devotion of a soldier... these are the three Ds that National University Bulldogs head coach Genesys look for in his squad. Through relatively a "young" team, the Bulldogs have proven that they, too, can take into the championship arena with their impressive performance.

"The team is young in a sense that it was just formed barely a few months before the start of the season," explains Coach Genesys. "Most of them are rookies and they are just beginning to get that I-do-it-on-my-own mentality."

To unleash this potential, team captain Marvin Balano says, "We really have to work hard and concentrate our every practice. And as team captain, I try to teach my team mates whenever they make mistakes and I never show frustration especially when luck is not on our side."

As for Coach Eric and the rest of the Bulldogs, they take it one game at a time, slowly but surely inching their way back on the map of UAAP champions. Close are the underdogs and in their place is an aggressive young team whose readiness to winning is in 3D, no less—discipline, diligence, devotion.



### It's good to be king

"We always give 100% in every game," boasts San Beda Red Lions team captain Bongie Hernandez, which is probably the reason why the squad has previously dominated NCAA Season 86 with their mighty four star game size.

"The key is we give our best and we keep our faith in the game. It is our passion for the game that carries us through," says our player Stefan Daniel.

Under the watchful eye of head coach Frankie Lim, the San Beda Red Lions is favored as the team to most likely win the championship cup in the finals. In spite of the accolades, the squad never rests on its laurels but instead strives even harder to get them closer to the court's title.

"Our main focus is to stick together as a team," says Hernandez. "We are as close as a family and I think this helps us a lot to communicate better during our games."

"We are very lucky to have Coach Frankie behind us," shares Daniel. "He is like a father to us. He gives us valuable advice, not only on how to excel in our game but also on our academic life and in planning our careers."

### Unleash the MVP in you

The next for the coveted UAAP and NCAA MVP cup is well under way. The recent scores are made and surpassed, the anticipation mounts with legions of followers rooting behind their personal bets. Whoever will be proclaimed at the end of the collegiate basketball season, Pharmator will be there to celebrate his victory, inspire everyone to unleash the MVP in us and get the chance to win an all-expense paid trip for 10 to Singapore.



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# GREEN Initiatives from SM SUPERMALLS

## Fashionistas talk about It - and eco-bags

It Bags are in vogue in what some like to gyno. There's "fruit flower" bags of the moment, made popular by television talent like the Sox and the City and The Devil Wears Prada, are identified with status, style, and celebrity.

There is, today, however, another kind of Bag. It's also making a statement, not so much about status, but the environmental. It's the Eco Bag, which the SM Supermalls recently launched in four fun colors.

Here four women of style, art director Denise Flojo,

styling designer Victoria Panopio, photographer and fashion designer Tricia Gosingtian, and eco-conscious Babiana talk about how one can glam and environmentally correct with their it - and Eco - Bags.



Who goes to work bags while shopping at Forever 21?

### DENISE FLOJO: Go with the flow

Denise Flojo, who is an art director for Mattwin-Endura Philippines Inc. and a model, and art director for the simple things, though - she loves a quiet dinner and drinks with friends or going to the movies with her niece - that makes her happy.

**What is your ideal Eco Bag?**  
"I realize I only own two kinds of bags, huge bags and small bags. I like to easily wash my things inside my big bags, and use the smaller ones for simple errands like grocery shopping. I see bags made out of real leather which have good quality and longevity and life."

**How can one be fashionable and eco-friendly at the same time?**  
"Ideally, in the long run, bags to buy should be made of all natural or recycled materials, that in reality, sustainable clothing may be more expensive than usual, though what we can do is reuse and reuse ourselves. I'm a firm believer in sustainability, practicality, and quality over quantity."

**How thoughtful are Eco Bags?**  
"I love the way Eco Bags are designed to be big enough to fit everything in, and I like to use it to carry things like a long bag."

**How thoughtful are Eco Bags?**  
"First, I think of style and the natural material. Plus, the material that comes with it. They're like a mix of style and nature."

**Message to the youth?**  
"Let's try to be eco-friendly and use one bag of a time. And please, don't buy too many."

### SABRINA: Breathe babe

Sabrina, an aspiring singer from BGC, also considers the healthy lifestyle by going to the gym, and even taking care of a dog to help her keep her weight down.

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"I love a bag that is not too big, but it should be able to hold everything I need. I don't like carrying a bag that is too heavy, but it should be able to hold everything I need."

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Breathe with Sabrina, in the perfect Eco Bag at Forever 21.

### TRICIA GOSINGTIAN: Aspark of Eco Magic

Tricia Gosingtian has many talents - photography, modeling, and acting on the side. More recently, she has become a fashion blogger.

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Tricia sports her bags while shopping at Forever 21.



Victory to the shop at Forever 21, comes the Eco Bag with an SM Eco Bag. That's being fashionable and environmentally correct.

### VICTORIA PANOPIO: Renew Rocks

Designing partner Victoria Panopio says that she is a big fan of the Eco Bag. It's a great way to be fashionable and eco-friendly at the same time.

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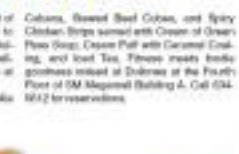
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# Sunday LIFE STYLE

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## Two Lolos in dance showdown for points

Two 60-year-old women showed off their dancing skills in a showdown, Wednesday. One exhibited her expertise in the Cha-Cha while the other showed off her skill in the Tango. When interviewed, the two ladies said they competed for 1,000 Globe points to pay tribute to the rewards they wanted from My Rewards, My Globe. The points were promised to them by a common friend. They admitted they both wanted to get an LCD TV.

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So maybe, if you show off your singing, dancing or gymnastic skills, someone might also give you more points.



ITALIAN Ambassador to the Philippines Luca Foresti and Italian artist Maurizio Marzotto.

By Alan T. Puyos

FOR AN entire morning, two Sundays ago, Edsa Shangri-La dazzled women from Venice on a festival "Il Mercato di Venezia," a gala dinner and presentation that culminated in an auction of Italian artworks and Murano glass pieces at the hotel's Lila Auditorium.

Hosted by Italian painter and engraver, Marco Marzotto, the event kicked off with cocktails at the foyer, which doubled as a display area for items to be auctioned off. A number of invited artists in traditional costumes, including opera singers, performed with authentic music and huge backdrops to rival designers from Tiber. (Guests added to the festive mood.)

Apart from Marzotto's selection, the cocktail crowd consisted of reporters and diplomats, including Italian Ambassador to the Philippines Luca Foresti and his wife.

Audience, a highlight moment

## Venice comes alive at Shangri-La

Italian artworks and Murano glass pieces auctioned off in event hosted by Italian painter and impresario Marco Marzotto



of the Philippines and owner of Merchant of Venice, an art gallery in Milan. In 2002, Marzotto, speaking in traditional Venetian and Italian, was also responsible for being in Italian porters' suits to meet Giuseppe Marzotto, owner of the Italian painter and engraver, Marco Marzotto.

In between dinner and auction, Marzotto and company engaged the well-heeled crowd with samples from each of the best-known Italian species. The witty and sophisticated Shangri-La event fulfilled the mission for the benefit of the "Yellow Ladon's Charity."

Marzotto, "Italy's" Italian, president of the Italian Commercial Group, donated second-hand Murano glass pieces, while guests from Rome, who also went home with one of the featured artworks, donated a diamond "brooch" ring.

Instead of being surprised at the ring, one called off to winning bidders early on that Marc Marzotto had and Rome

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Sundown Food Market at Greenbelt 3 Park

meat, dessert and coffee or cocktail. Each dish was judged by Food Council who shared their personal preferences based on taste, presentation and X-Factor creativity.

With the Food Council's expertise and judgements including a total of 20,487 online votes from customers, some of the Ayala Malls Top Food Picks were from Gloria's Yellow Cab's hot wings, Super Diner's chicken egg drop soup, and Vito's fresh seafood hot pot, from Greenbelt 3 Park. It's Ayala Malls' mission to bring you the best of the best in food and dining. And the Food Council's mission is to bring you the best of the best in food and dining.

For more information on the Ayala Malls Top Food Picks, visit the website at [www.ayalamalls.com](http://www.ayalamalls.com). Lucky customers who win a prize will be the winners of \$10,000 worth of gift certificates for a restaurant of their choice and an invite to the virtual food journey exhibit opening.

A food journey exhibit in partnership with Metrobank will be launched in Greenbelt 3 Park, showcasing the remarkable dishes and the talented chefs who created them. This will also be a touring visual buffet exhibit in select Ayala Malls from September 11-17, 2010.

Part of the grand food celebration is a Sun Green Food Market

at Greenbelt 3 Park. The market will be open on the last weekend of August 21-22, 2010. The market will showcase specialty dishes of participating restaurants of these malls.

To round up the festivities, the Ayala Malls Food Book, a compilation of dishes selected as part of the Top Food Picks will be available in valuable mall partners. The book comes with an assortment of interesting articles on food and a directory of Ayala Malls restaurants and food restaurants.

A.M. Top is an exciting gastronomic journey for those who simply love good food as they take part in the celebration of the best of the best in food and dining. Another reason to love all at Ayala Malls.

# Ayala Malls presents a gustatory exhibition

Discover and experience favorite food picks from the country's top food authorities as Ayala Malls takes you on a gastronomic journey this August and September.


Ayala Malls Top Food Picks is a list of the country's top food authorities who are composed of local culinary authorities such as Lorraine Tinio, Nene Gracia, Chef Rostand Barba, Chef Ernest Ochoa, Jose Llanos, Chino, Chiquito, and

Margaret Salazar, Tina Penitencia and Chef Hedy Zabin. The council shared with the customers their personal dining choices that put together taste, service and ambience which distinguishes an Ayala mall dining experience.

As part of the program, restaurants in the Ayala Malls were asked to submit their signature dishes for the following categories: appetizer, soup, salad, hot or seafood, main course (meat or white


AM Top Food Council (Seated L-R) Restaurants: Tina Penitencia, Jose Gracia, Nene Gracia, Lorraine Tinio, Nene Gracia, Chef Rostand Barba, Chef Ernest Ochoa, Jose Llanos, Chino, Chiquito, and Margaret Salazar.










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# Sunday LIFE STYLE Travel

## Glorious Guizhou

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Few visitors coming to western China may have heard of the province of Guizhou. Though it is actually just next door to Yunnan, Guizhou's reputation has been eclipsed by its much more famous neighbor. Even among the Chinese, this area has long been seen as a wild frontier prone to conflicts. Today, of course, Guizhou is very peaceful, offering much to the venturesome traveler.

The city of Guiyang is the provincial capital and it was here when I began my journey from

Guiyang we drove to Guiyang, our last stop before the mountain villages. The city would take almost all day and it was dark when we arrived in Guiyang.

The next morning I went early to visit around. What I found was a rather desolate mountain town, nestled along the edges of a large muddy river. Everything seemed so grey and lifeless until I encountered one of the women from the village carrying her produce to the market. She seemed, with her joyful face, to be a person of cheerful and lively spirit. She told me that she had been to the market to sell her produce.

Guizhou is one of the smaller provinces of China with its ethnic people. Inhabiting in this mountain may be, Guizhou only makes this in terms of mountains. In fact, population density is much lower than that of the Philippines and there are more people in which are precisely similar.

As we drove beyond Guiyang, I saw that the mountains slopes had been carved. Gazing



A VILLAGE woman

at the surrounding vistas of mountainous terrain against a clear blue sky, I felt that our trip was not just a sightseeing trip but a journey into the heart of a new world. I had heard of a theory suggesting that the mountains were carved by the hands of the gods, but I had never seen anything like this before.

people from the Yunnan area may have actually arrived to Guizhou. Migrating to our shores, they brought with them many of the traditions of their mother country.

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The Maotai wine is a traditional Chinese wine made from sorghum. It is known for its strong flavor and health benefits. The Maotai wine is produced in the Maotai region of Guizhou, China. It is a popular drink among the Chinese people and is also exported to other countries.

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# MASTERS OF PHILIPPINE ART EXHIBIT AT EDADES

Following the successful *Islands* exhibit & auction featuring works of the Father of Modern Philippine Art, Rockwell Land continues to celebrate the leading Masters of Philippine Art with an exhibit that features twenty works from the country's best artists.

This exhibit includes works from National Artists Ang Kerkio, Amador and R.R. Guanco, Presidential Medal of Merit awardee Federico Agalar Alvaraz and Jovinal Sancio, as well as master sculptor Ramon Orlina.

The exhibit opens in the evening of September 8 and runs until September 16 at the Eddades Model Unit located at the South Court of the Power Plant Mall at the Rockwell Center.

Ang Kerkio (1901-2005), was the first Filipino-Chinese to be awarded the Order of National Artist (1991). Ang Kerkio mastered a highly expressive form of figurative cubism, which he utilized to paint the deep emotions and joyous identified with the modern human subject. His resultant works, as evidenced by the "Mother and Child" at on canvas to be exhibited at this event, are vibrant, satirical figures capturing the internal tension of a mother's warm embrace for her child.



The Mother by Ang Kerkio (1987)

Awarded National Artist posthumously in 1997, R.R. Guanco (1911-1978) was an interdisciplinary sculptor, artist, engraver and painter. He is famous for his trademark abstraction of flame-like motifs, known as depicted jewelry abstract compositions on exhibited

semi-abstract abstractions of various figures – as captured in his "Northern Interior and Church" which visitors will get to enjoy at the exhibit. A part of the Thirteen Masters of Philippine Art, Guanco was closely identified with the entire direction of Manila.

Amador Rogers (1913-1996), awarded National Artist in 1997, is among the pioneers of a space movement form of Philippine modernism. Luce developed a trademark linear style to create a starkly geometric but recognizable figurative Modernism that is sparse and elegantly minimalist and is synthetic of Western modernism. Amador Rogers' sculptures and attention to detail, Luce's iconic street work as "Thalugay" and "Temporary Landscapes" which perfectly show the artist's interest in taking style will be gracing the exhibit.

Federico Agalar Alvaraz is the latest recipient for the Order of National Artist by both the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and



Luzon by Federico Agalar Alvaraz (1984)

the Cultural Center of the Philippines (2008). Alvaraz is one of the most internationally awarded artists aside from a Presidential Medal of Merit; he also received the Persepolis Award and the Prix Francophonie in Barcelona in the late 1990s, and a Decoration of Arts and Letters from the French government in the early 1960s.

Alvaraz is known for his *Don Manes* series, a succession of beautiful long covered women with a 19th century air engaged in a variety of domestic activities, akin to the Three Graces that many European masters have been painting since the Renaissance.

Another Presidential Medal of Merit awardee, Jovinal Sancio has received medals for excellence in art from all three countries he has resided in during the last 40 years. These include the Knight's Cross of Isabella from King Juan Carlos of Spain, the Order of Chevalier from the French Government and the Presidential Medal of Merit from the Philippines. The featured Sancio painting at the exhibit



Luzon by Jovinal Sancio (1984)

titled "Luzon Interiors" (Alvaraz series) was inspired by his "Spain period" – the summer he spent in the Northern island of Spain.

In his almost 30 years as a sculptor, Ramon Orlina has shown excellent creativity and daring in his works. A multi-mediated glass sculptor, Orlina's expertise extends to art circles and patrons in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Japan, U.S.A. and the former Czechoslovakia. He has represented the Philippines in numerous international art events and biennales and has done public art for several countries in the region. His method of sculpting and carving on glass is somewhat known.

Rockwell shows its commitment to support Filipino artists through their artistic developments, the latest being the Eddades Tower and Garden Villa.

Inspired by National Artist Vicente Sabido, the Father of Modern and Unconventional Filipino art, the Eddades Tower and Garden Villa is a 10-story residential tower located across the Power Plant Mall and Amador Square. Eddades honors its namesake's unconventional aesthetic by integrating the essence of a tower containing Garden 2-floors, putting out of the Manila landscape and the garden villa in a playful manner of hybrid arts.

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Robinsons Place has opened in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, and the frugal Ilocanos are unleashing their awesome purchasing power



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## Mall lifestyle comes to the Ilocos

By Irene C. Perez

SAN NICOLAS in Ilocos Norte is a quiet, charming town that thrives on pottery locally known as *bakla*. Picturesque old houses are built of stacked coral bricks, patios are tiled with coral bricks, and the town is known for its pottery.

It is a small but rich, historic district composed of only 24 barangays where families have roots and stability is guaranteed. It was a place to go to for the people of Ilocos, a heritage town, and a place to go to for the people of Ilocos.

Robinsons Place is the first mall in the region. The arrival of big brands and big brands is a boon for the area.



BAKLA, the local specialty, is a must-try for visitors to the town of Robinsons Place.

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LA FLORES restaurant's popular *bakla* is a must-try for visitors to the town of Robinsons Place.

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# Sunday LIFE STYLE



Freely staff helps her pick out items. "The sales people are very helpful," she says.



Looking for designer shoes.

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## Style and beauty therapy

Manila's brightest star Maricar Reyes talks about her fashion philosophy and shares her unique finds at Robinsons Department Store.



She chooses evening gowns to make her guests for shows and family dinners.



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### Maricar shares her top must-buys from Robinsons Department Store

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She's not really with shoes but she is at Robinsons Department Store.



"I am perfect, almost to a fault," says actress Maricar Reyes about her shopping habits.

Before entering show business, the 29-year-old commercial model, turned TV actress was a model at Robinsons. It was a 1970s for a hotel-based company that brought her to showbiz, having been discovered by Star Magic's Johnny Manahan.

Now at the helm of her career, with notable movies and TV shows under her belt, she's busy buying for a new TV series.

During her spare time, she enjoys shopping. The versatile lady heads

to Robinsons Department Store for her fashion finds. "It's very convenient. Two Robinsons malls are very near my area," she explains.

She frequents Robinsons for its reasonably priced items. "I love malls like the clothes of Gino Tronzi and the clothing selection at Robinsons Manila," she confesses.

Although fashionista Maricar is not someone who likes to buy, she has found her favorite items with basics, which consist of pair of fitting pants, wide-necked t-shirts and cool jackets. "Designer stuff?" she smiles.

Making and making items to my wardrobe is something I've still been learning," she laughingly admits.

She looks up to Nicole Kidman, Nicole Kidman and Catherine Zeta-Jones for their sense of style. And describes her own style as "feminine, comfortable and classic."

Over the years, her style has taken a lot of transformation. "I was never really very stylish, but now I am the best and representative of dressing well."



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Get into the cool shades of blue that looks up your wardrobe



Take this to the next level! Long dress by Wangler

## COOL COMFORTS

Keep your style by getting ready! T-shirt with casual shorts. Black tights makes the look easy



Top by Karl Lagerfeld and shorts by Wangler. Black tights by Wangler. Tights by Wangler

## COCKTAIL GLAMOUR

Take your LBD with the midnight blue party dress and team with a fancy necklace



Dress by Ullrich and necklace by Angeline

## STREET CHIC

Show your cool side with a city street inspired with a playful graphic tee



T-shirt by Wangler. Shorts by Wangler

## LINGERIE LOVE...



W hat we wear under our clothes is as important as the clothes we wear. For the best results, we need to wear the right underwear. For the best results, we need to wear the right underwear. For the best results, we need to wear the right underwear.



Black lingerie piece by Wangler, never look better. Go to the next level by Wangler



Hydrate skin with Wangler

## Secret to healthy-looking skin...

It's all about the perfect skin with the right products. It's all about the perfect skin with the right products. It's all about the perfect skin with the right products.

## Look healthy white...

Don't have the perfect skin? Use the right products. Use the right products. Use the right products. Use the right products. Use the right products.





Denim jacket, \$69.99, Thrage; light blue jeans, \$59.99, and white t-shirt, \$19.99, all from Gap Inc. (Gap Inc. is not responsible for any damage to your property.)

#### MAJESTIC DBN11

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## Style MANual

Robinsons Department store has a wide array of choices for the stylish man, whether it's shoes, accessories or getting the latest trends. It's the season to get inspired and dress up. Get these head-to-toe looks that will make you go wanting for more.



#### STREET LOOK

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#### COOL ESSENTIALS

##### WATCHES

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## Kids' Choice

Robinsons Department Store has riffled up great fashion finds for your kids. From fun sneakers, color pops to fun graphics, and cartoon characters; choose from an explosion of style which your kids will truly love.

### PARTY IN PINK

Bows, skirts and funny prints make your child party ready.



Graphic shirt by Big Joe, skirt by G-String sneakers by Barbie

### EARTH TONES

Comfy, fun, and easy to mix and match inspired by earth tones.



Plaid shirt and jumper by Springtime, rubber shoes by Chicos

### RUBY RED

Red tuffled top is just the right amount of girl by and shoe.



Red tuffled top by Express, shorts by Hanes, sandals by Eke

### TRUE BLUE

Choose from a "hole-out" of his dad with a whole polo and plaid shorts.



Sports-Collar shirt by Givens, polo shirt by Givens, plaid shorts by Givens, rubber shoes by Puma, socks by Eke

### PINK FORCE

Make your little one wear her favorite color from head to toe. She'll definitely love you for it.



Sleeveless top with print and shorts by Tooty, sneakers by Eke

### GOING NEUTRAL

An easy way to add cool style to neutral shades is a graphic tee.



Graphic tee & cargo shorts by Garfield, rubber shoes by Eke

Explore nature's fresh and proud scents to your home with these candles.



Rob-Art Candles and Wooden Place

## Natural wonders

Bring the green into your home with Robinsons Department Store's home products



Earth inspired ready-to-go-up day room.



Replicate nature with green additions like pillows, stool boxes and floral arrangements.



Home Gallery Collections

Let the tropical feeling abound in your bedroom.



Home Gallery Pillow Cases



Rob-Art Lamp

This warm toned lampshade with floral patterns creates a cozy atmosphere.



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### From Pacquiao to Maguindanao

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Project Manager	John Doe
Project Start Date	2023-01-01
Project End Date	2023-12-31
Project Status	In Progress
Project Budget	\$1,000,000
Project Location	New York, NY
Project Description	Development of a new software application for project management.
Project Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a user-friendly interface.</li> <li>Implement core project management features.</li> <li>Ensure scalability and security.</li> </ul>
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